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Art Unit 2631
Examiner Dung X. Nguyen

In Re: Angshuman Saha et al.
Case: 239604
Serial No.: 09/418,119
Filed: 10/14/1999
Subject: Method of Link Word Synchronization

To the Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir;

Response B

In the claims:

All of the claims standing for examination are presented below. Claims 17, 19 and 22 are amended, and claims 23-24 and 26-30 are cancelled in the present response.

Claims 1-16 (Cancelled)

17. (Currently amended) A method for word synchronization between a plurality of word devices connected by a plurality of serial lines, comprising the steps of:
requesting synchronization from a first device to a second device when
the first device ~~either has or~~ does not have synchronization;